## IN THE UNITED STATES OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re application of                 | ) | Adrian Boyle et al |
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| For                                  | ) | Laser Machining    |
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## FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper;